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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE BELT ENDS OF TRANSPORT BELTS, AS WELL AS TRANSPORT BELT AND CLOSURE AID FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD	)

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above application as follows: